Major Projects and Economic Assistance for States

3908. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the States which the then Prime Minister visited till January, 1997, after the formation of United Front Government at the Centre and promised major projects and economic assistance, State-wise;

(b) whether it is fact that Kerala has a long list of grievances agaisnt the Centre for depriving the State of its due share in the Centrally-assisted programmes and projects for years with many other issues; and

(c) the promises made for Kerala in two visits of the then Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) During the period June, 1996, to January, 1997 announcements were made by the then Prime Minister regarding various programmes/ schemes/projects for the economic development of the 7 North Eastern States, viz., Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and the State of Jammu & Kashmir. The details of the new initiatives announced for the North Eastern States by the then Prime Minister were placed in the House in reply to the Unstarred Question No. 1292 on 4th December, 1996. For Jammu & Kashmir the announcements were made by the then Prime Minister on the floor of the Parliament on 23rd July, 1996 and 2nd August, 1996. Besides the above, the then Prime Minister had visited States of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Mewat Area in Haryana and announced various relief measures to tackle the problem of natural calamities.

(b) and (c) The Centrally Sponsored Schemes are administered by various Central Ministries who make allocations to different States on the basis of various parameters. The then Prime Minister had visited Kerala on 31.10.96 wherein he was given a memorandum by the Council of Ministers of Kerala. The issues raised in the memorandum pertain to various sectors and concern different Central Ministers, who will take action, as appropriate, on the various issues.

स्थानीय क्षेत्र में किए गए कदाचारों को विशेषाधिकार के अंतर्गत लाया जाना

3909. **श्री नागमणि: क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

(क) क्या सरकार संसद सदस्य स्थानीय क्षेत्र विकास योजना के कार्यान्वयन में किए गए कदाचारों को विशेषाधिकार के अंतर्गत जांच करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) से (ग) संसद सदस्य स्थानीय क्षेत्र विकास योजना के संशोधित मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांतों में केन्द्र एवं राज्य सरकार से संबंधित अधिकारियों की जिम्मेवारियों को स्पस्ट किया गया हैं। ये सभी अधिकारी अपनी सरकारों के अनुशासन एवं नियंत्रण के अधीन हैं।

Funds Under MPLAD Scheme

3910. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2811 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March 1997 and state:

(a) the total funds allocated under MPLAD Scheme for the current year;

(b) the funds released so far; and

(c) the reasons for delay in release of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The budget provision for the scheme in the current year is Rs. 790.00 crores. Funds can be released after the Budget for 1997-98 is passed.

External Assistance for Maharashtra Projects

3911. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state: